

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2405 – HB 2606

February 24, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to develop instructional guidelines for child safety training programs for members of professions that frequently deal with children who may be at risk of abuse no later than January 1, 2019. Requires the Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Osteopathic Examination and the Board of Nursing to each work with the DCS to create child safety training programs. Requires, after July 1, 2019, any professional seeking license renewal from one of these boards to complete the appropriate child safety training program prior to the board granting the professional a license renewal.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$148,900/FY18-19
\$263,400/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013157): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to develop instructional guidelines, for child safety training programs for members of professions that frequently deal with children who may be at risk of abuse, no later than January 1, 2019. Requires the Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Osteopathic Examination, Board of Nursing and the Board of Social Work Licensure to each work with the DCS to create child safety training programs.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$60,000/One-Time

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information from the DCS, the DCS can develop the required instructional guidelines and work with each licensing board to create child safety training programs utilizing existing resources within the department.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the proposed legislation cannot be accommodated within existing resources.

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- The DOH will requiring contracting with an educational training vendor to work with the DCS on creating videos, guidelines, brochures, and other training materials for the safety training programs for each profession. The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the training vendor is estimated to be \$60,000.
- The specified licensing boards will distribute prepared training materials to professionals seeking licensure or renewals. This distribution of materials can be accommodated within existing resources without an additional appropriation.
- The boards are not required to ensure that professionals seeking a license or license renewal have completed the child safety program prior to obtaining their license or renewed license. Therefore, it is assumed that no training will be offered by the boards outside of the distribution of training materials provided to the professionals seeking licensure or renewals. As a result, any recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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